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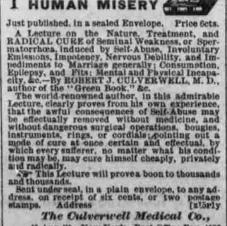
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#### Let Brown Walk.

A gentleman was very much annoyed at night by a person who was walking heavily in the room, above and unable to sleep, he ascended to the room to ascertain the cause, and found a man walking up and down, apparently in great distress. His sympathy induced him to inquire the cause. At first he could get no response, and the man, with his hair in his hands, still continued to pace the floor. At last, induced by the kindly tone of his visitor, he stated the cause of his great anguish. 'I owe my friend Brown \$500, which I am utterly unable to pay.' 'My friend, said the gentleman, 'I can give you advice which will relieve your distress.' What is it?' anxiously inquired the distressed individual, 'You have walked far enough,' replied the gentleman. My advice to you is to go comfortably to bed, and let Brown walk awhile,'

A little girl braids the hair of one who sat in front of her, instead of studying, when the teacher remarks: "Home is the place for arranging hair, not here. What would you think to see me braiding my hair in school?" Presently Susan's hand is raised and the teacher, supposing she wished to ask something about the lesson, nods, when she hears the following: "Mary says your hair is false, and you wouldn't dare to do it here!"

A prisoner, unrepresented by counsel, was in the San Francisco dock, charged with a misdemeanor. After the complaining witness had given his testimony, the judge asked the prisoner if he wished to question the witness. What shall I ask him?' inquired the prisoner. 'You may ask anything you like.' 'Then with your honor's permission,' said the prisoner, 'I will ask the witness to lend me five dollars.'

A recent Amherst graduate, now a settled pastor, was telling a retired missionary that he entered college and the theological seminary with the intention of becoming a missionary, when the old veteran broke out with: 'Ah! you turned back after putting your hand to the plough' 'No,' was the answer, 'I just took another plough.'

A party of vegetarians who were boarding at a water-cure establishment, while taking a walk in the fields, were attacked by a bull, which chased them furiously out of his pasture. "That's your gratitude, is it, you great, hateful thing?" exclaimed one of the ladies, panting with fright and fatigue. "After this, I'll eat beef three times a day!"

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